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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION

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Sir:

This is in response to the official action mailed November 12, 2003.

Claims 1-53, previously numbered Claims 1-54 and now renumbered 1-53, are pending in the application. Claims 1-39 have been allowed. Claims 40-42, 44, 46, 48-49 and 51 have been rejected. Claims 43, 45, 47, 50, 52 and 53 have been objected to.

Amendment to the Specification

At page 11, line 18, after "equivalent" insert - finger hold element or -.

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